

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1-4 and 6-29 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method for processing a call from a calling party at a calling communication station to a called communication station, the method comprising [the steps of]:

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- (a) determining whether standard caller identification information for the calling communication station can be provided to the called communication station;
 - (b) transmitting a request for audible caller identification information to the calling communication station in response to a determination that the standard caller identification information cannot be provided to the called communication station;
 - (c) transmitting the audible caller identification information to the called communication station; and
 - (d) canceling the call in response to input from the called communication station.

2. (Amended) A method for processing a call from a calling party at a calling communication station to a called communication station, the method comprising [the steps of]:

- (a) determining whether standard caller identification information for the calling communication station can be provided to the called communication station;
- (b) transmitting a request for audible caller identification information to the calling communication station in response to a determination that the standard caller identification information cannot be provided to the called communication station;
- (c) transmitting the audible caller identification information to the called communication station; and

(d) transferring the call to a voice mail system in response to input from the called communication station.

3. (Amended) A method for processing a call from a calling party at a calling communication station to a called communication station, the method comprising [the steps of]:

(a) determining whether standard caller identification information for the calling communication station can be provided to the called communication station;

(b) transmitting a request for audible caller identification information to the calling communication station in response to a determination that the standard caller identification information cannot be provided to the called communication station;

(c) transmitting the audible caller identification information to the called communication station; and

(d) transferring the call to another location in response to input from the called communication station.

4. (Amended) A method for processing a call from a calling party at a calling communication station to a called communication station, the method comprising [the steps of]:

(a) determining whether standard caller identification information for the calling communication station can be provided to the called communication station;

(b) transmitting a request for audible caller identification information to the calling communication station in response to a determination that the standard caller identification information cannot be provided to the called communication station;

(c) transmitting the audible caller identification information to the called communication station; and

(d) transmitting a message to the calling communication station in response to input from the called communication station.

6. (Amended) A method for processing a call from a calling party at a calling communication station to a called communication station, the method comprising [the steps of]:

(a) determining whether standard caller identification information for the calling communication station can be provided to the called communication station;

(b) transmitting a request for audible caller identification information to the calling communication station in response to a determination that the standard caller identification information cannot be provided to the called communication station;

(c) transmitting the audible caller identification information to the called communication station; and

(d) transmitting a text message to the called communication station.

7. (Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein the text message [identifies the] comprises a name of [present] a telephone service.

8. (Amended) The method of claims 1, 2, 3, 4, or 6, wherein [step] (c) comprises [the steps of] recording [the] audible caller identification information transmitted from the calling communication station and automatically transmitting the recorded audible caller identification information to the called [telephone] communication station.

9. (Amended) A method for processing a call from a calling party at a calling communication station to a called communication station, the method comprising [the steps of]:

- (a) determining whether standard caller identification information for the calling communication station can be provided to the called communication station;
- (b) transmitting a request for audible caller identification information to the calling communication station in response to a determination that the standard caller identification information cannot be provided to the called communication station;
- (c) determining whether a human is available to answer the call; and
- (d) connecting the calling communication station to the called communication station in response to a determination that a human is [not] available to answer the call.

10. (Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein [step] (c) comprises [the steps of]:

- (c1) connecting a service node with the called communication station;
- (c2) transmitting a request for input to the called communication station; and
- (c3) determining whether input was transmitted from the called communication station.

11. (Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein [step] (d) comprises [the steps of] disconnecting the service node and the called communication station[;] and placing a second call to the called communication station.

12. (Amended) A method for processing a call from a calling party at a calling communication station to a called communication station, the method comprising [the steps of]:

- (a) determining whether standard caller identification information for the calling communication station can be provided to the called communication station;
- (b) transmitting a request for audible caller identification information to the calling communication station in response to a determination that the standard caller identification information cannot be provided to the called communication station;
- (c) determining whether a human is not available to answer the call; and
- (d) connecting the calling communication station with a voice mail system in response to a determination that a human is not available to answer the call.

13. (Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein [step] (c) comprises [the steps of]:

- (c1) connecting a service node with the called communication station;
- (c2) transmitting a request for input to the called communication station; and
- (c3) determining whether input was transmitted from the called communication station.

14. (Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein [step] (d) comprises [the steps of] disconnecting the service node and the called communication station[;] and placing a second call to the called communication station.

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15. (Amended) A method for processing a call from a calling party at a calling communication station to a called communication station, the method comprising [the steps of]:

(a) using an advanced intelligent network to determine whether standard caller identification information for the calling communication station can be provided to the called communication station;

(b) transmitting a request for audible caller identification information to the calling communication station in response to a determination that the standard caller identification information cannot be provided to the called communication station; and

(c) transmitting the audible caller identification information to the called communication station.

16. (Amended) The method of claim 15, wherein [step] (a) comprises [the step of] determining whether caller identification information for the calling communication station is unavailable.

17. (Amended) The method of claim 15, wherein [step] (a) comprises [the step of] determining whether the caller identification information for the calling communication station is incomplete.

18. (Amended) The method of claim 15, wherein [step] (a) comprises [the step of] determining whether caller identification information for the calling communication station has been blocked.

19. (Amended) The method of claim 15, wherein [step] (b) comprises [the step of] transmitting a request for the calling party to speak [his/her] his or her name.

20. (Amended) The method of claim 15, wherein [step] (b) comprises [the step of] transmitting a request for the calling party to speak the name of the party upon whose behalf [he/she] he or she is calling.

21. (Amended) The method of claim 15, further comprising [the step of] transmitting a message to the called communication station, the message comprising accept and reject options and a request for input from the called communication station.

22. (Amended) The method of claim 15, further comprising [the step] determining whether a human is available to answer the call.

23. (Amended) The method of claim 15, further comprising [the step of] connecting the call in response to input from the called communication station.

24. (Amended) The method of claim 15, further comprising [the step of] canceling the call in response to input from the called communication station.

25. (Amended) The method of claim 15, further comprising [the step of] transferring the call to a voice mail system in response to input from the called communication station.

26. (Amended) The method of claim 15, further comprising [the step of] transferring the call to another location in response to input from the called communication station.

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27. (Amended) The method of claim 15, further comprising [the step of] transmitting a message to the calling communication station in response to input from the called communication station.

28. (Amended) The method of claim 15, further comprising [the step of] transmitting a text message to the called communication station.

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29. (Amended) The method of claim 27, wherein the text message [identifies the] comprises a name of [the present] a telephone service.

Please add new claims 46-59 as follows:

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--46. (New) A method for processing a call from a calling party at a calling communication station to a called communication station, the method comprising:

- (a) transmitting a request for audible caller identification information to the calling communication station;
- (b) determining whether a human answers the call at the called communication station; and
- (c) transmitting the audible caller identification information to the called communication station in response to a determination that a human answered the call at the called communication station.--

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--47. (New) The method of claim 46, wherein (a) comprises transmitting a request for the calling party to speak his or her name.--

--48. (New) The method of claim 46, wherein (b) comprises transmitting a message to the called communication station requesting input from a human.--

--49. (New) The method of claim 46, wherein (b) comprises receiving a signal transmitted from the called communication station.--

AB --50. (New) The method of claim 46, wherein (b) comprises receiving a signal transmitted by a human at the called communication station.--

--51. (New) The method of claim 46, wherein (c) comprises recording audible caller identification information that is received from the calling communication station and transmitting the recorded audible caller identification information to the called communication station.--

--52. (New) The method of claim 46, further comprising transmitting a message to the called communication station, the message comprising accept and reject options and a request for input from the called communication station.--

--53. (New) The method of claim 46, further comprising connecting the calling communication station with the called communication station in response to input from the called communication station.--

--54. (New) The method of claim 46, further comprising connecting the calling communication station with the called communication station in response to dual tone multi-frequency tones transmitted from the called communication station.--

--55. (New) The method of claim 46, further comprising canceling the call in response to the called communication station being placed on hook.--

--56. (New) The method of claim 46, further comprising transmitting a message to the calling communication station in response to input from the called communication station.--

--57. (New) A method for processing a call from a calling party at a calling communication station to a called communication station, the method comprising the steps of:

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- (a) determining whether standard caller identification information for the calling communication station can be provided to the called communication station;
 - (b) transmitting a request for audible caller identification information to the calling communication station in response to a determination that the standard caller identification information cannot be provided to the called communication station;
 - (c) receiving an override signal from the calling communication station; and